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**Brief Summary of Selected Substantive Portions of this Response**

**[0001]** Reasons are presented herein to show that the combination of Stickler, Darugar and Ingersoll does not disclose, teach or suggest such previously presented and newly amended claim features as, for example, "tolerating an absence of optional data", "wildcard data" and "overcoming compatibility issues".

**[0002]** This brief summary is not intended to represent the Applicant's full response to the Action. Rather, it is merely a brief summary of selected substantive portions of the response herein.